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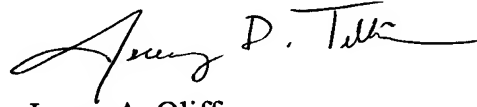
Claims 1-43 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-31 are amended to further define the subject matter recited therein. The amendments to claims 1-31 are supported at least by page 78, lines 8-12 of the original specification. Claims 32 and 33 are amended to further define the subject matter recited therein. The amendments to claims 32 and 33 are supported at least by page 87, lines 16-22 of the original specification. Claims 34-43 are added and are supported at least by original claims 18-21, 23-25, 27, 30 and 31 and page 78, lines 8-12 of the specification. No new matter is added by this Amendment.

As shown above, Applicants have amended claims 1-31 to include the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the benzopyran compounds recited in claims 1-31. Furthermore, Applicants have amended claims 32 and 33 to include a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient. Applicants have also added new claims 34-43 to recite a specific pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the benzopyran compounds recited in claims 18-21, 23-25, 27, 30 and 31, respectively.

Because the benzopyran compounds have been indicated by the Patent Office as being allowable, it is respectfully submitted that the newly recited pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these benzopyran compounds are also in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-43 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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